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SUBJECT: MBFR - GERMAN-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS IN BONN

REFS: (A) MBFR VIENNA 240

(B) BONN 14982

(C) STATE 208505

1. FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH IN A DISCUSSION WITH
EMBOFF ON SEPTEMBER 24 CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION PRE-

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VIOUSLY REPORTED IN REFS (A) AND (B) REGARDING THE

GROMYKO-SCHMIDT MEETING IN BONN ON SEPTEMBER 15-16.
APPARENTLY GROMYKO'S ONLY OTHER ARGUMENT DURING THE
SINGLE SHORT EXCHANGE ON MBFR WAS THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE
WESTERN POSITION BY THE EAST WOULD PROVIDE AN ADVANTAGE
TO THE WEST. THIS WOULD NOT BE IN ACCORD WITH THE
PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR BOTH SIDES AND
THEREFORE WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

2. THE GERMANS ARE STILL NOT SURE WHAT GROMYKO MEANT
WHEN HE STATED THE SOVIETS WOULD TAKE "NEW INITIATIVES"
IN THE TALKS. ROTH BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH
A PRE-PHASE I SYMBOLIC REDUCTION PROPOSAL INVOLVING ALL
PARTICIPANTS. HOWEVER, IT IS HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT
THE SOVIETS WILL NOT DEVIATE MUCH, IF AT ALL, FROM THEIR
PREVIOUS POSITION WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUME.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY THERE ARE
ANY FURTHER DETAILS TO BE GLEANED FROM THE BRIEF
GROMYKO-SCHMIDT DISCUSSION ON MBFR. HOWEVER, SHOULD ANY
SURFACE, THEY WILL BE REPORTED AS REQUESTED REF C. END
COMMENT.

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